



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CREEKS RESTORATION/WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 14, 2009**

**David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Moldaver called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee members present: Chair Moldaver, Michael Jordan, Matthew O'Brien, Roger Schlueter, George Weber, Daniel Wilson

Committee members absent: Daniel Hochman

Liaison members present: Councilmember Iya Falcone, Park and Recreation Commissioner Beebe Longstreet

Liaison members absent: Planning Commissioner John Jostes

Staff present: Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Program Assistant Liz Smith

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion:

Committee members Jordan/Weber to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2008.

Vote:

Voice vote 5/0; Wilson abstained.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Wilson reported that raw sewage was found in the storm drain network near his home, and praised County Environmental Health, Project Clean Water, and the Goleta Water District for their quick response.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Benson reported that he took Mr. Moldaver, Mr. Schlueter, and Mr. O'Brien on a tour of past and present Creeks Division projects on December 30.

Mr. Benson reported that Mr. Hochman has been appointed to the Park and Recreation Commission, and has been reappointed to the Creeks Advisory Committee as a representative of the Hotel and Lodging Industry until the next recruitment takes place in June.

Mr. Benson reported that a budget discussion will take place at the Park and Recreation Commission meeting in March, but that because the Creeks Division is fully funded by Measure B, many General Fund issues do not apply. The Finance Department is currently altering Transient Occupancy Tax projections for Fiscal Year 2009, and that no projections are available yet for Fiscal Year 2010.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Greg Loshak, a resident on Arroyo Burro Creek, reported that a number of trees are down, and could potentially cause a blockage of the creek.

Mr. Benson noted that the City's Municipal Code requires property owners to remove debris if the blockage is on private property, but that County Flood Control sometimes removes debris.

### **8. VICE-CHAIR ELECTION**

Motion:

Committee members Wilson/Jordan to elect Mr. Weber Vice Chair of the Committee.

Vote:

Voice vote 6/0.

### **9. SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. O'Brien introduced himself as the newest member of the Committee

Mr. Schlueter expressed concerns regarding dissolving the Strategic Planning Subcommittee.

Mr. Benson noted that all subcommittees are made up of three Committee members, and all except the Budget Subcommittee are ad hoc, and are not noticed to the public. If a quorum (four members of the Committee) will be attending, Subcommittee meetings will need to be noticed to the public in advance.

### **Ms. Falcone left at 6:04pm.**

Mr. Schlueter, Mr. Weber, and Mr. Moldaver were appointed to the Budget Subcommittee.

Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Weber, and Mr. Wilson were appointed to the Watersheds Subcommittee.

Mr. Moldaver, Mr. Jordan, and Mr. O'Brien were appointed to the Education and Outreach Subcommittee.

**Ms. Longstreet left at 6:12pm.**

Mr. Jordan was reappointed as liaison to the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wilson was reappointed as liaison to the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project Design Committee.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**10a. Creeks Division 2008 Report**

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation on Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Division 2008 Report (2008 Report).

Documents:

Staff Report – January 2009

Power Point Presentation – January 2009

Creeks 2008 Report – July 2008

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Manager

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak.

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Mr. Moldaver noted that Mr. Benson and Mr. Johnson gave a terrific job presenting the Mission Creek Fish Passage Project to Council on Tuesday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion:

Committee Members Schlueter/Weber to adjourn.

Chair Moldaver adjourned the meeting at 6:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Benson  
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager